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FOR SCIENCE OFFICE FROM GERALD A. EDWARDS, NSF.

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SUBJECT:R/V VEMA: NSF/SFCP TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR DR. WARREN
PRELL.

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1. REFTEL C (PREPARED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION) RELATES TO RESEARCH OF DR. WARREN PRELL, RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES, BROWN UNIVERSITY, AND NOT TO MISSION OF R/V VEMA. INFORMATION IN REFTEL C BASED ON PRELL'S LETTERS SUPPORTING HIS ITG APPLICATION. HIS LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1977, TO DR. CURTIS A. COLLINS, NSF/IDOE, READS IN PART "OUR INTEREST IN THIS AREA IS TWOFOLD: FIRST, THE UPWELLING OFF ARABIA IS INTERCONNECTED WITH THE MONSOONAL CIRCULATION AND ITS LONG TERM HISTORY"... "SECOND, THE WIND BORNE MATERIAL PRESERVED IN THE ARABIAN SEA SHOULD PROVIDE

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AN INDEPENDENT MEASURE OF MONSOONAL CIRCULATION." LETTER DATED MARCH 28, 1977, TO DR. GERALD A. EDWARDS, NSF/INT, GIVING POSSIBLE BENEFIT TO INDIA AND THE U.S. STATES IN PART "THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF MY RESEARCH IS TO ATTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BY STUDYING ITS LONG TERM HISTORY AND RELATION TO THE OCEANOGRAPHY OF THE ARABIAN SEA." (SOME SCIENTISTS)... "BELIEVE THAT THE

SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES IN THE ARABIAN SEA ARE

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONSOONAL RAIN RECEIVED BY
INDIA." ..."I PLAN TO STUDY THIS RELATION BY MAPPING
OCEANOGRAPHIC FEATURES THAT CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
MONSOON CIRCULATION."

2. NSF/SFCP RECOMMENDING ITG BASED ON STATEMENTS QUOTED
PARA 1. IF EMBASSY HAS INFORMATION THAT THESE STATEMENTS
ARE ERRONEOUS, KINDLY INFORM NSF ASAP SO THAT AWARD
ACTION FOR DR. PRELL CAN BE CANCELLED. VANCE

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